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VILLA NEARING TORREON; GAINS ON U. S. TROOPS

Consul Letcher Reports Outlaw Plans to Join Gen. Reyes.

PERSHING LEADS MEN

American Guard Now South of Satevo, Far Behind Bandit.

RAILROAD IS BADLY NEEDED

Ten Thousand of 12,000 Troops Now in Mexico Used to Guard Communications.

BULLETIN.

El Paso, April 7.—A bulletin says that Villa has been located at La Bonquilla, fifty-five miles from Satevo.

By H. H. STANSBURY, International News Service.

El Paso, Texas, April 7.—The imperative need of utilizing the Mexican Central Railroad as a supporting line of communication for the American troops in Mexico was made obvious today by the definite information that Villa is heading for Torreon and not Durango. On this account confirmation of the report that Gen. Carranza has granted permission to use the railway lines is awaited with much anxiety.

Measure a distance 400 miles from Juarez south along the tracks of the Central and it will be possible to place a finger on the spot which represents the district through which the bandit chieftain is passing tonight. His object is to join Canuto Reyes, his chief representative in that district as soon as possible. Reyes is reported to be just north of Torreon, guarding the road to prevent the passage of Carranza troops northward.

American Troops Far Behind. Gen. John J. Pershing is personally leading the pursuing forces of American troops, but they are only a day's ride south of Satevo, which leaves them far behind.

This information was received today from Consul Letcher at Chihuahua. The consul obtained his report by telephone communication established with one of Gen. Pershing's staff.

The established line of communication from Columbus south is now one-third greater in length than the route traversed by the railroad. In many places supplies can only be transported by pack mules, and then in small quantities.

Col. William C. Brown, of the Tenth Cavalry, whose command fought an engagement with Villistas near Bachinibá on April 1, passed Cushtulic on April 4. His official report to Gen. Funston shows that only three Mexicans were killed in the Bachinibá fight, instead of thirty or forty, as first reported in unofficial news.

The first news of this fight was obtained from native ranchmen by Gen. Pershing and forwarded to the base at Columbus. The corrected report of casualties among the Villistas furnishes a fair example of the ability of the Mexicans to exaggerate.

10,000 Soldiers Guard Line.

Gen. Luis Gutierrez, commander of the Carranza troops in Chihuahua, has made a report of a fight which occurred several days ago between a detachment of Carranzistas and Villistas near Cieneguillas. This is just south of Satevo. Ten Villistas are said to have been killed and two taken prisoners.

It was learned from an authoritative military source that the total strength of the American forces south of the border is now between 12,000 and 14,000 men. The cavalry troops actually engaged in the pursuit of Villa number less than 2,000. This includes a second column which arrived at Cushtulic on Thursday to support the extreme advance.

Baff's Murderer Declared Guilty

Jury Convicts Giuseppe Arichiello of Killing Gotham Poultry Dealer.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, April 7.—Giuseppe Arichiello, who got \$100 for shooting Barnett Baff in West Washington Market, in 1914, was convicted of murder in the first degree today before Justice Shearn, in the Supreme Court, criminal term. The jury was out a little more than five hours.

The defendant, who will be sentenced next week, took the verdict coolly, but his sister-in-law, Anna Arichiello, was taken from the court house screaming that he was not guilty.

Frank Ferrara, who drove the murder car, and who, according to Arichiello, got \$150, will be called for trial on Monday before Justice Shearn.

Ugly Duckling Beats \$10,000 Lady Eglantine

Special to The Washington Herald.

Verona, N. J., April 7.—The ugly duckling, discovered by Mrs. R. P. Banister, wife of the shoe manufacturer on her country place on Westview road when she took charge in July, 1914, has developed into a champion egg layer.

According to the books kept by Mrs. Banister, her duck, which she calls "Peggy," has laid 325 eggs in twenty-two days less than a year, which if her figures are correct, beats the record of the \$10,000 white leghorn hen "Lady Eglantine," which is only 315 eggs in a year.

HALT PARLEY WITH MEXICO

State Department Officials Refuse to Limit Villa Pursuit to Time or Territory.

CARRANZA'S DEMANDS STOP PROTOCOL NEGOTIATIONS

First Chief Wants U. S. Troops to Leave Within Month—Food Shortage Serious.

Unwillingness on the part of the American government to limit its pursuit of Villa to any particular time or territory has halted the negotiations between the State Department and the de facto government of Mexico for a protocol to govern the chase.

Gen. Carranza. It was learned last night, is disposed to insist that after a month or sixty days, Pershing's forces, if Villa has not been caught in the meantime, should be withdrawn, and is pressing for a definite statement from the United States on this score.

Also, it is stated, Carranza is desirous of fixing rigidly the limits of territory within which the American troops shall operate in that time, and of prescribing in the protocol just how far they may approach any town; and has called for a statement from the Washington government as to how much further Pershing's men will penetrate into Mexico.

Food Shortage Serious.

In the meantime, the situation with respect to the use of the railroads to provision the American expedition remains one of uncertainty. Officials were disposed to take much satisfaction from the reports that a shipment had been started from Juarez to the Mormon colony at Casas Grandes, which is supplying Pershing under a contract, although it was admitted that there was no guarantee that such shipments in the future will not be interfered with.

That a serious shortage of food threatens the advance columns of the American expedition was indicated in official dispatches which reached the War Department yesterday.

Fighting Fire with Fire

—Is the theme of "The Social Pirates," the intensely interesting series appearing exclusively in the Sunday Herald. The fourth complete story, "The Parasite," appears in tomorrow's Four-color Magazine Section. In this Magazine Section you will also find an illustrated article on "Girl Rookies"—army lassies who will have a regular military camp on the outskirts of Washington just like their brothers did at Plattsburg, N. Y., last summer.

"The Bigger the Petticoat, the Smaller the Purse," says Carl Helfferich, Germany's secretary of finance—the article is illustrated.

And you'll want to read "The Actual Experiences of An Irish Girl As a 'French' Governess in New York."

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Anarchist Plot to Poison All the Rulers of Europe Is Discovered in Chicago

State's Attorney, While Probing Soup Poisoning Case, Stumbles on International Conspiracy and Obtains Confession of One of Inner Circle Who Attended Meeting to Choose Executioner.

(By International News Service.)

Chicago, Ill., April 7.—An international plot to assassinate all the rulers of Europe has been discovered by State's Attorney MacLay Hoyne, according to an announcement by him this afternoon.

Mr. Hoyne's investigators stumbled upon the information while investigating the poisoning of more than 100 prominent men at the banquet in honor of Archbishop Mundelein at the University Club in Chicago.

The plot was hatched in Chicago and other large cities. The plan was to use poison in a manner similar to that employed at the Mundelein banquet. Bombs were not to be resorted to unless "absolutely necessary."

The identity of the anarchist who revealed the plot to the State's attorney is being concealed in the belief that knowledge of the fact that he had betrayed his comrades would lead to his immediate death.

Mr. Hoyne said today:

"A certain anarchist has made a written statement in my office that an international plot exists to assassinate all the rulers of Europe.

"I have promised to withhold the identity of my informant. I have investigators trying to obtain corroborative evidence. If they can succeed I'll act. Otherwise I can do nothing.

"This man stated that secret meetings have been held in Chicago and a number of other important cities.

"He said he attended a meeting in this city at which lots were drawn by certain anarchists for the purpose of picking the assassin. He said the meetings were conducted with such secrecy that only the man chosen for the crime and the chairman or leader of the group of anarchists had knowledge of the particular ruler singled out for death.

"My informant declared that the poisoning of the guests at the Archbishop Mundelein banquet was an outcome of the same clandestine gatherings."

Woman Suing Henderson Again Takes Witness Stand

Special to The Washington Herald.

Bangor, Maine, April 7.—In the trial of the suit of Elizabeth Garmong against John B. Henderson, of Washington, to recover \$250,000 for breach of promise, plaintiff today continued her testimony, begun on Thursday.

She described her last meeting with Henderson—the meeting at which, she claims, he definitely broke his promise of marriage, finally exclaiming: "I'll marry when I feel like it, and I won't marry the Queen of Sheba unless I do."

Then she told of following him to Bar Harbor in the summer of 1911, and

quoted as his final message to her—a message she says was delivered by telephone: "I will do nothing more. Take your baby to hell, or throw it out of the window."

She said that she had caused the arrest of Roscoe D. Smith, a young Des Moines physician, on the charge of seducing her—that he made no denial, and offered to "settle," but later, on redirect examination, she denied having taken any of his money, or having asked him to marry her.

Plaintiff's direct case was concluded and court was adjourned until tomorrow.

Four U. S. Aviators Pay Visit To Chihuahua, Causing Panic

(By International News Service.)

Chihuahua, Mexico (by Federal Telegraph to El Paso), April 7.—Two aeroplanes of the United States army expeditionary forces arrived here from Gen. Pershing's encampment at San Geronimo this morning.

The trip was made in less than two hours. There were two officers with each plane. They were Capt. Foulis and Dodd and Lieuts. D'Arcy and Carboy.

The object of the trip was to pay Gen. Pershing's respects to the Mexican military and civil officers here and deliver certain reports to Consul Letcher.

The officers were shown every courtesy. When the planes first appeared over

the city circling about in search of a landing place the alarm evidenced by the population amounted to panic. First the streets were filled with people. A few moments later they were as empty as though the city was deserted.

Alarmists had passed along the word that the city was to be attacked with bombs. The people fled for the shelter of their homes and many families huddled together in the cellars. Curiosity overcame this alarm after twenty or thirty minutes and word was passed from house to house that the Americans had landed and were on a peaceful mission.

The visit has done much to create good feeling between the Mexicans and the Americans.

Harding to Head G. O. P. Convention

Chosen Unanimously to Open Campaign at Chicago Gathering.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Chicago, April 7.—Warren G. Harding, United States Senator from Ohio, will call the Republican national convention to order and make the "keynote" speech when the gathering assembles in the Coliseum June 7.

Senator Harding was unanimously chosen temporary chairman of the convention by the subcommittee of the national committee at a brief meeting today.

Secretary Reynolds also announced that the Chicago offices of the national committee would be opened May 10, and that the credentials committee would begin to hold sessions soon afterward. Under the call for the convention split delegations will not be received this year in the interest of harmony. Few contests are expected.

LaFayette B. Gleason was formally selected as secretary of the convention, a post he filled four years ago, and William F. Stone, of Maryland, was re-elected sergeant-at-arms. George L. Hart, of Virginia, was named the official reporter of the convention.

Ship from Baltimore Disabled.

London, April 7.—A Lloyd dispatch states that the Dutch liner Eemdkijk, bound from Baltimore to Rotterdam, passed St. Catherine's Point today in tow. The nature of the accident to the Dutch ship is not known. The Eemdkijk is a steamer of 3,048 tons, hailing from Rotterdam.

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Germans Drive In French Salient

Gain Foothold in Enemy Lines on One of Verdun Supports.

(By International News Service.)

London, April 7.—Shifting their attack two miles to the east, the Germans have gained a foothold in the French lines between Bethincourt and Chantancourt in their desperate driving offensive against the salient, which has as its apex the village of Bethincourt, west of the Meuse. The attack followed closely the capture of Haucourt to the west, by which the Germans deprived the army defending Verdun from the northwest of one of the principal supporting points on its left wing. It was made at night after a short preparatory bombardment which lasted only two hours, but made up in fury what it lacked in length.

The entire French salient is now in a precarious position and the forces holding it, estimated at not less than three army corps, 120,000 men, are believed to face the necessity of withdrawal.

First Married Men Called.

London, April 7.—The first married men under the group system were called up today by the war office. They range from 25 to 32 years of age.

Tom Longboat Promoted.

Montreal, Quebec, April 7.—Tom Longboat, famous Indian marathon runner, who recently enlisted in the One Hundred and Eightieth Battalion, has been promoted to lance corporal.

Another Tirpitz Man Out.

Amsterdam, April 7.—Vice Admiral Dick, of the German navy, close personal friend of Admiral von Tirpitz and director of the ship yards department, has been retired.

MANY STRANDED AS STRIKE HITS SECOND ROAD

Walk-out on Old Dominion Line Forces Virginians to Walk or Use Jitneys.

SYSTEM IS PARALYZED

Approximately 10,000 Patrons Affected—No Cars Operated After Night.

MAIL IS CONVEYED BY WAGON

Only One Division Crippled by Strike on Washington-Virginia Road.

Jitney busses of all kinds and makes, coal and transfer wagons and horse-drawn vehicles of all descriptions, from the buckboard to the almost forgotten stage coach, streamed across the Aouduct Bridge yesterday from 11 o'clock until midnight.

The conveyances were used to transport to their homes the thousands of persons stranded in Washington by the strike of the employees, which paralyzed the entire system of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company.

Thousands of others streamed across the bridge on foot, the one class yelling cheerful jibes at the other. Despite the fact that many faced a walk of miles, the situation was met jokingly. "Approximately 10,000 persons are affected."

The entire system of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company was paralyzed by a strike order given at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

Following the refusal of General Manager W. B. Emmert to receive the committee of employees who yesterday presented the union demands, every motorman and conductor in the employ of the company left the cars on arrival at the barns.

Cat Calls Greet Foreman.

One train of four cars carrying the United States mail left the Georgetown terminal in charge of a shop foreman at 5:30 o'clock amid cat calls and cries of "scab" from several hundred employees and sympathizers.

The second train—one car—left at 5:45 o'clock in charge of another shop foreman and bearing the road officials of the company under similar conditions. The car carried about fifteen passengers.

The United States mail, scheduled to leave Georgetown for Bluemont and way stations at 4:30, was sent by wagon to Rosslyn shortly before the last car left. The wagon was followed to Rosslyn by more than 100 strikers.

Despite the fact that the entire system was paralyzed, General Manager Emmert last night announced that he had given the employees a final answer. This answer he said was an unequivocal "no."

Continuing, he said: "We will make no effort to run any car or train tonight. The car leaving at 5:45 for Bluemont was the last. "We have three trains at Bluemont now and will make an effort to start them for Washington on schedule time tomorrow morning. We also will make an effort to maintain a schedule on the Falls Church division.

"We have a few men left in the employ of the company and we will utilize their services."

Only One Division Affected. Though a general strike of all union employees of the Washington and Virginia Railway was called Thursday, only the Falls Church division had been affected up until a late hour last night.

Frank L. Ball, Commonwealth attorney of Alexandria County, was the principal speaker at a mass meeting held in Ballston yesterday afternoon. More than a score of employees of the company joined the union.

Members of the Cherrydale Citizens' Association will aid the strike of employees by boycotting the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company. This action was decided at a meeting of the association last night. The boycott agreement states:

"We also will refuse to ride upon the cars of this company until the strike is settled."

ARTHUR SPIEGEL DEAD.

Young President of Motion Picture Concern Victim of Pneumonia.

New York, April 7.—Arthur Spiegel, president of the Equitable Motion Picture Company, and a director and officer in a dozen Chicago corporations, died early today at the Hotel Plaza. He was stricken with pneumonia on Monday night.

Spiegel was only 31 years old, yet was ranked as a multimillionaire through his own business efforts. He was principal owner of the Spiegel-May-Stearn Company, a \$30,000,000 Chicago mail order corporation.

Canada Takes Over Railroad.

Montreal, Quebec, April 7.—Sir Rodolphe Forget, president of the Quebec and Saguenay Railway, announced today that the line will be taken over by the Canadian government.

U-BOAT CRISIS NEAR; CONGRESS MAY TAKE STAND IN SITUATION

President Indirectly Informs Stone and Flood of Intention to Place Case Before Solons Unless Berlin Replies Satisfactorily.

TIME FOR QUIBBLING PAST

Cabinet Members Declare Matter Is "Serious" and Believing Ships Were Torpedoed Without Warning, Expect Definite Action in Week.

President Wilson may go before Congress on the German submarine issue before the end of next week.

He is understood to have indirectly informed both Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and Chairman Flood, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, of his intention unless the reply from Germany to his representations concerning the recent submarine attacks jeopardizing Americans is satisfactory.

DEFINITE ASSURANCES ARE DEMANDED. By satisfactory the President means that it will contain definite assurances that submarine attacks without warning on passenger ships carrying Americans will cease.

Up to a late hour last night there was no indication that Germany intends to give the assurances the President demands. No word has come from Ambassador Gerard.

KANE DEMANDS BRIBE MONEY

Embalmer's Lawyer Declares \$7,800 Was Gift from Waite.

MORTUARIANS REFUSE TO TALK OF POISON CASE

District Attorney Gathers Letters from Dentist to Family to Fight Insanity Plea.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, April 7.—Eugene Oliver Kane, the embalmer, and John S. Potter, the undertaker, whom District Attorney Swann has questioned daily about the conduct of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, became suddenly defiant today, and sent word that Judge Swann would have to go elsewhere for information, for they would have no more of him or his office.

After delivering his ultimatum, Kane's lawyer, Burt L. Rich, also made a proposal to Assistant District Attorney Dooling that fairly took his breath away. This was that the district attorney's office should return at once to Kane the \$7,800 that Kane has left of the \$9,000 he says Waite forced upon him almost without his comprehension. The money, said Mr. Rich, was a gift.

A. B. Morrison, of 140 Nassau street, attorney for Miss Peck, Waite's aunt, already has filed a claim for the \$7,800. Nobody has claimed the still missing \$1,200.

The district attorney's office realizes the strong probability that great efforts will be made at Dr. Waite's trial to prove him insane, and tomorrow or Saturday Assistant District Attorney Mancuso goes to Grand Rapids, and also to Kalamazoo, Lansing and Ann Arbor, Mich., where he expects to strengthen the evidence that Dr. Waite always has been perfectly sane.

Many letters he has now which Waite wrote to Mr. and Mrs. Peck before and after he married their daughter, he says, are written so clearly and lucidly it is impossible to imagine a crazy man writing them.

Paints Pastor As Reckless Plunger

Dr. Hillis' Steward Charges Preacher Deceived Friends in Speculations.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, April 7.—How the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, successor to illustrious preachers in Plymouth Church, is alleged to have strayed from the high ideals which he so eloquently expressed, is set forth in the accounting, filed today, of Frank L. Ferguson's stewardship of the minister's tangled financial affairs.

Dr. Hillis is painted as money-crazy, a reckless plunger in coal and timber speculations, a deceiver of his friends, and finally as hopelessly involved in a mesh of financial deals and threatened with innumerable lawsuits.

In the years that Mr. Ferguson handled the preacher's business affairs, he says that he reduced the latter's liabilities from \$75,000.00 to \$205,000.00, or by \$175,450. After balancing both sides of the sheet, he alleges that Dr. Hillis still owes him \$85,804.62.

Visit Luray Caverns Easter Sunday. Two dollar round trip. Southern Railway Special Train leaves Washington 8:30, Alexandria 8:57 a. m., April 22; arrive Washington 8:35 p. m., returning.

The situation is regarded in official circles as more serious, perhaps, than it has been at any time since Germany first began the use of submarines as a weapon against unarmed ships.

The President left last night for a week-end trip on the Mayflower to get a brief respite from the grave responsibilities which he has faced all week and expects to face again on Monday. Before leaving, he directed that Ambassador Gerard inquire of the German foreign office when some reply to the American requests for information concerning five specific cases might be expected.

The five specific cases are the attacks on the Sussex, the Englishman, the Manchester Engineer, the Eagle Point and the Berwindale. In each case American lives were placed in jeopardy. In each case Ambassador Gerard has made representations to the German foreign office on behalf of the United States government and has, in effect, asked whether German submarines were or were not responsible. In no case has Germany replied to Ambassador Gerard.

Delay Not Relished.

The President and Secretary Lansing have realized that a reasonable length of time should be allowed for the German government to get reports from submarine commanders involved. But it is now more than two weeks since the Sussex disaster occurred. Berlin's delay in stating whether or not a German submarine was responsible for any of the cases is making an unfavorable impression here. Ambassador Gerard is understood to have been directed to make this clear to Berlin.

All of the developments yesterday make a distinct tendency to increase rather than lessen the tension in White House and State Department circles. The Cabinet meeting was given over almost exclusively to discussion of the latest evidence pointing to a submarine as the cause of the Sussex disaster. Secretary of State Lansing, who has taken painstaking care to see that the evidence of Germany's responsibility would hold water legally as well as morally, believes that the evidence presented to the Cabinet is convincing and practically complete. Secretary of the Navy Daniels was informed of the importance of the investigations made by the American naval attaches in London and Paris.

Believe Evidence Complete. The Cabinet is practically unanimous in believing that the evidence of submarine attack is irrefutable. Several members of the Cabinet admitted this after the meeting. They spoke of the situation as "serious."

Unofficial reports that the German admiralty had requested the German foreign office to give it all the available facts about the damaging of the Sussex was followed here by a report that Ambassador Gerard had been asked to supply these facts from Washington.

Officials here said the United States government would flatly decline to do so. The President holds that Germany knows whether or not a German submarine attacked the ship.

He sees no reason for providing Germany with the evidence which has been collected until the German government officially goes on record as saying that a German submarine did or did not attack the Sussex.

The United States has collected the evidence while Germany has persisted in denying all responsibility. It is explained. An all-important factor to President Wilson is Germany's evidence of good faith in dealing with the United States on the submarine issue.

Runaway Dirigible Unhurt.

Mobile, Ala., April 7.—The new naval dirigible balloon recently brought to the government aviation station at Pensacola, Fla., for experimental use in connection with aerial and water maneuvers by the Naval College, which broke away from its moorings during a high wind early today, came to earth at Atxville, Fla., late today, and is undamaged. Argyle is about 100 miles north of Pensacola.